

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

A MATUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE OF
"THE DUCHESSE OF BAYSWATER & CO."
at 8 P.M.

"A FANTOM REHEARSAL."
TO-NIGHT.
(MONDAY), the 21st February, 1898.
Performance at 9 P.M. precisely.

PRICES: \$3, \$2, & \$1
Half price to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in Uniform.
SEATS can be booked at the THEATRE.
Boxing Office open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Late Trains, quarters of an hour after fall of curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [216]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
I HAVE This Day resumed charge of the Company's Branch Office at this port.
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [278]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
On account and risk of the concerned,
At Noon,
TO-MORROW, the 22nd February, 1898,
at the
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF
AND GODOWN CO'S GODOWNS
AT KOWLOON.

QUANTITY OF
MANILA SUGAR ex S.S. ESMERALDA,
more or less damaged by fire and water.
TERMS:—As Customary.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [285]

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zedland Street, on SATURDAY, the 26th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [276]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 7th March at twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1897, declaring a Dividend and electing a Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to the 7th March, both days inclusive. JAMES & Co. General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [284]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 per cent per Share and BONUS of 4 per cent per Share for the six months ending 31st December 1897, declared at MONDAY'S ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING, will be PAYABLE at the premises of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, on and after TUESDAY, the 22nd February, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [283]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED."

Captain Berthel, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [227]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA, VIA TILATAP.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG."

Captain Frampson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [214]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"SINGAN."

Captain Jameson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [280]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA."

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [260]

Today's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship
"MEMNON,"
Captain Mcgridge, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [281]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS & ARAIR & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [287]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SOURABAYA AND SAMARANG.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUNSIANG."

Captain E. J. Butler, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [282]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with the Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.
ALSO
VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO.
Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.
ALSO
BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.
THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO."

Captain Bellito, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.
At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.
For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [277]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"YONGKANG."

Captain Osteridge, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [279]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL."

Captain F. N. Tiliard carrying Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 25th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.
Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [5]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, ex S.S. Victoria.
From Zanzibar, ex S.S. Canara.
From Australia, ex S.S. Roma.
From Calcutta, ex S.S. Palawan.
From Penang, ex S.S. Asyria and Rhodania.
From Madras, ex S.S. Lodianna.
Goods not cleared by the 26th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [17-6]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.



A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in good and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be decanted to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dishes and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY marked "R" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1898.

PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

The development of traffic on the pirate-infested waterways of Kwangtung ought to be accompanied by a corresponding development of the forces of law and order; but the facts show quite the reverse. This populous province has probably more inveterate law-breakers to the square mile than any other portion of the globe. Dartmoor Gaoi not excepted. Kwangtung—Delta is thickly dotted with large towns and overgrown villages, over-crowded with poor wretches miserably hard pressed to make a living, and all absolutely ignorant or indifferent as to the sixth and eighth commandments of Moses' Law; and in their methods of law-breaking, the conditions of their existence for many generations have been so low as to crush out all feelings of humanity. Thus it may be said without injustice that the Cantonese, while willing enough to earn a comparatively honest living and to do as they would be done by, when possible, are all the time ready at a moment's notice to take any opportunity of becoming sneak-thieves, bold pirates, and cold-blooded murderers. In saying that nine out of ten Cantonese are capable of becoming most diabolical monsters of brutality and villainy on occasion, and that when they do so there is absolutely no check on them but their own abject cowardice, we fully recognize the fact that they are not so much to blame as the indictment seems to imply. We cannot greatly blame human nature for yielding to practically irresistible pressure of circumstances, sinking to horrible depths of depravity in the utter absence of any elevating influence. The saying, "How oft a sight of means to do ill deeds, Makes ill deeds done," does not make men do the right makes men do wrong. So it comes about that, through no very great fault of their own, the Kwangtung people are only too apt to drop out of honest avocations, and become perfect fiends; man, woman and child, all have acquired the same tendency.

And now that the West River is open to steam navigation, there is a great increase in riverine traffic of all sorts; and

a corresponding enlargement of the field for piracy. The Chinese authorities of course do not rise to the emergency—unless it be to get a little more blackmail from the pirates. It remains, therefore, for outside pressure to be applied, to check the growing evil. We cannot afford, in these days, to permit a revival of the old regime, under which every merchant vessel had to arm as a privateer and bear the expense of a fighting crew. Piracy is an anachronism which must not survive.

On the 16th inst., the *Ping Tung* steam launch, belonging to Hongkong and (we believe) flying the British flag, went to Ho Tong, a village in the Sun Wul district, and stayed the night there. At four o'clock next morning four men came in a small boat, boarded the launch, produced loaded revolvers and overawed the crew and passengers, ten or twelve in all. The pirates assumed charge of the launch and took her about ten miles away from Ho Tong, and picked up their confederates, some thirty or forty cut-throats, who compelled the crew of the launch to stay down below in the cabin. Late in the evening, the launch boarded another launch, and reports of fire-arms were heard, together with cries of "Pirates! Save life! kill! kill!" The *Ping Tung* was then disengaged from her prey and ran ashore; the pirates disappeared inland with their plunder, and the crew of the *Ping Tung* crept up on deck to find themselves alone. One of the passengers was carried off by the pirates.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS,"

LONDON, February 18th.

H.M.S. *Victorious* (which got aground at Suez) has been floated.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

Mr. Curzon, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that he was unable to confirm the report that China had agreed to an extension of the railway into Yunnan but that in any case it was advisable to construct the railway to the frontier before deciding upon any possible extensions beyond it.

THE ZOLA TRIAL.

General Boisselard appeared in full uniform at M. Zola's trial yesterday. He made a dramatic appeal to the jury to trust the leaders of the Army, but he gave no information. Major Kesteven refused to speak.

(From *Tokio Papers*.)

THE TRIAL OF ZOLA.

PARIS, February 12th.

Yesterday's proceedings in the Assize Court at the trial of Emile Zola were tumultuous. M. Picquart was speaking, and I should be ashamed from his supporters and objection from his opponents among the spectators. Several disorderly scenes occurred, and when the Court rose, the crowd went out and smashed the plate-glass fronts of two large Jewish shops, as a demonstration of feeling against Zola.

In the course of to-day's proceedings, M. Demange testified that he had learnt, since the conviction and sentencing of Dreyfus, that a secret piece of evidence had been communicated to the Council of War applied to try the case.

February 13th.

To-day M. Jaurès and M. Ranc in the witness box asserted the sincerity of M. Zola.

M. Berillon, expert in handwriting, gave his opinion that the memorandum (giving confidential information to some foreign Government) was in the writing of Dreyfus.

No disturbance occurred in the Court to-day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE departure of the *Tokio Maru* for Japan has been postponed till noon to-morrow.

A REDJACKET from the U.S.S. *Reliant* was to-day fined \$2 for raising Cain on Pedder's Wharf.

THREE ricksha coolies who piled for hire without going through the formality of taking out licenses were each fined \$1 to-day.

DAMODHAR CHAPKAR, the man accused of the murder of Mr. Ayrer in Poona, was found guilty and sentenced to death at Bombay on the 3rd inst.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Feb. 20th are:—Europeans, 172; Chinese, 3,662; total 3,834.

FOR assaulting a sailor named Chan Pak by smashing him over the head with an earthenware bowl Chan I was to-day ordered to fork out five Maricans.

THE various Japanese shipping offices, the Consulate, and Japanese vessels in port were flying the national flag at half-mast to-day out of respect to the late Princess Yamashina.

AN CHUK, who was cut on ball in connection with a charge of bringing a woman illegally to the colony, failed to materialise to-day and his bail of \$100 was ordered to be forfeited.

HONGKONG has a great charm for Wong Pak, a bold bad man who was banished in March, 1897. He returned, was arrested and to-day was sentenced to twelve months in Mr. May's reformatory establishment.

A SCOTTISH seaman named Gov showed his appreciation of the hospitality offered him at No. 7 Station last night by smashing up an elegant looking Government bucket. The bill reached \$3 and Mr. Wodehouse to-day ordered Kado to pay the money over.

MR. ERIC GEORGE'S *Weekly Share List*, dated Hongkong, Saturday, February 19th, says:—*Endeavour* has been interfered with by the Race holidays, and hardly anything has been done. The rate of exchange on Shanghai has gone up to 71.75 for three days' sight private paper.

We are informed that the Gymkhana Committee contemplate, this season, holding three sky race meetings in April, May and June—and later on two or three other meetings where the racing element will play a minor part. The question will shortly be brought before the members of the Gymkhana Committee for consideration, meanwhile gentlemen might profit by the hint at to-morrow's sale of ponies.

A FEW days before the rendering of the sentence in the case of the murder of the American seaman Epps, in the Nagasaki Local Court, a case was decided in the Osaka Court in which an unfortunate Chinese barber residing in Osaka was found guilty of letting a room to two other Chinese for the purpose of smoking opium, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour, while a Japanese woman servant and two Chinese found guilty of smoking opium, were sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment each. A hundred dollars for taking a life, and three years for keeping a private smoking room! Surely, it is not such administration of law that we can be expected to welcome—*Kobe Chronicle*.

A BOLLER-MAKER named Michael Parsell was almost roasted to death under most unusual circumstances at San Francisco recently. He was engaged in repairing the inside of the smoke-stack of the steamer *Wellington*, when six of the furnaces were set going by the firemen, who did not know he was there. Parsell was strapped in a chair, which was suspended 40ft down the smoke-stack, and only a short distance above the dampers. Dense volumes of smoke and hot air ascended the stack and nearly overpowered him. Parsell shouted loudly for help, and beat with all his might upon the side of the smoke-stack, but some time elapsed before his helper on deck heard him and rescued him. When he was dragged up his clothes had already caught fire, and the rope holding him was becoming charred. Parsell was removed to a hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

A TEMPORARY suspension of business at the Osaka Rice Exchange was brought about on the 18th ult. by a disagreement between brokers about the settlement of accounts. An appeal against the closing of the Exchange was lodged with the Minister for Agriculture and Commerce, who has ordered an inquiry to be instituted by the Osaka City authorities. The Minister has also ordered the Exchange to be re-opened. It appears that the buyers lost heavily on speculations and could not settle their accounts. Now an effort is to be made to "split the difference." But some of the sellers' brokers are already taking legal proceedings against 40 of the buyers' brokers on a charge of having disturbed business, by first agreeing to a price being fixed by arbitration and afterwards objecting, at the same time secretly working to form a ring to monopolise the rice. It is the old story—Japanese will not keep faith.

LATEST news about Klondike includes the information that a quartz lode has been discovered extending from a high mountain called "The Dome" to a range of mountains to the north side of the Klondike and east of the Yukon river. The ledge was discovered in several places about the same time. Frank P. Slavin, the geologist, and Captain Tippet, formerly one of the commanders in the employ of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Company, were the first to locate the ledge near "The Dome." There is very little, if any, dynamite in Dawson, and it will be impossible to develop the ledge this season. A charge of black powder was put in the ledge where it crossed El Dorado and at Skookum Gulch, which tore out a few pounds of the rock. The quartz is immensely rich, carrying lead gold, and in general appearance resembles the rock of the Comet mine on Berner's bay, in South-eastern Alaska. Mining men say that it will assay anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to the ton. If it were only possible to obtain the proper explosives the ledge would be thoroughly opened before next spring.

There seems to be day by day less and less truth in the assertion that the bloodthirsty regime of feudal times in Japan has disappeared. The *Japan Times*, which is certainly the last paper in the world to say anything against Japan, says—On Tuesday afternoon, 11th Feb., a desperate quarrel was fought out at the house of Yoshijiro Saito, a professional gambler of Tokyo, between Saito's men and several of the firemen belonging to the Nihonbashi Brigade. The cause of the trouble was a quarrel between one of the firemen and a certain gambler; Saito happened to be passing by where the two were fighting, and was supposed to have given help to the gambler. The fireman enlisted the assistance of his comrades, and these visited Saito's house to ask for explanation. The more agile firemen quickly got on to the roof of the house. This they demolished and hurled upon Saito's man and other miscreants. Several policemen of the Nihonbashi Office rushed to the spot, and arrested some of the men. But the quarrel that occurred in the afternoon of the 10th ult. at Osaka, at a solitary spot close by the castle, was of a more desperate description, the persons engaged aggregating over one hundred in number. The quarrel was between "Fugitive" Masu and his men, on the one hand, and "Indigo" Masu and his men, on the other. The dispute arose out of an alleged breach of promise on the part of the former. It was, as it were, a pitched battle between the two sets of desperadoes. Each of them carried a sword, a pistol, or some other handy weapon, and for about a quarter of an hour the fighting continued to rage. A friend of the two Masu who hurriedly arrived on the scene to separate the combatants, was cut down in the skirmish. "Indigo" Masu was shot dead, five were mortally wounded, while almost all the others who took part were more or less severely injured. When the police reached the scene of the affray, the combatants had already dispersed, leaving behind the dead and the seriously injured.

THE trial of Richard Arthur Prince for the murder of William Terrie took place at the Old Bailey on the 19th ult. The jury found prisoner guilty of wilful murder but were of opinion, on the medical evidence, that he was not legally answerable for his act. The judge said that Prince had been adjudged a criminal lunatic and confined him to Holloway to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

For those unfortunate persons who can never make a sea voyage without suffering the miseries of sea-sickness, the news will come 'as a boon and a blessing' that a smoke of two grains of opium, inhaled the vapour as deeply into the lungs as possible and then, by closing the nostrils, forcing it as far as possible into the passages leading to the mouth and nose, so that the nerves of the head may be freely soothed, with a sleep for an hour afterwards, is a sure cure for *mal de mer*.

SATURDAY'S *Gazette* contains the appointment of a Commission consisting of Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, (Chairman) Dr. W. Hartigan Messrs. H. McCallum, J. J. Francis, Q.C. and R. F. Cobbold for the purpose of conducting an inquiry into the question of deleterious liquors in this Colony. Mr. F. Browne is appointed Secretary to the Commission. The *Gazette* also has the report of the Fire Brigade for 1897 and a draft of an Ordinance to amend the Prepared opium (Divans) Ordinance of 1897, which will be read for the first time at the meeting of Council on Wednesday next.

THE Legislative Council will meet on Wednesday, 23rd February at 3 p.m. Business.—Financial Minute. Resolution regarding the proposed New Government Offices. (Hos. Director of Public Works.) Orders of the day.—First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Prepared opium (Divans) Ordinance, 1897, (No. 15 of 1897). First reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Naturalization of Leung Pak Chai, alias Leung Chak Ch'ang, alias Leung Chung. Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Naturalization of Wong Chuk-yun, alias Wong Man, alias Wong Su-in. Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for the more effectual Punishment of Bribery and certain other Misdemeanors. A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
MATSUYAMA MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Timorship, plus Cargo for JAVA PORTS), and COLOMBO.	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Feb., at Noon.
OMI MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 25th February, at 4 P.M.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1898.

WHAT VITALITY MEANS.

Vitality is your measure of force, or power. Thin babies and feeble old persons have little of it. When the system is unable to assimilate the right kind of food, vitality becomes low.

Scott's Emulsion

is above all other remedies in giving vitality. It makes no difference whether the emaciated person is in babyhood or in old age. When a food fails to nourish, Scott's Emulsion will be found the most effective remedy for overcoming emaciated tendency. All chemists.

Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China.—WATKINS & Co., Hongkong

"MELDRUM" FURNACES.

THESE FURNACES are specially adapted for coal dust, coke dust and fuels of an inferior quality, and by their use a great saving is effected generally. Smoke is reduced to a minimum and boiler power largely increased.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co.
Agents for Hongkong and China.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1898. [190]

TO THE DEAF!

A RICH LADY cured of her deafness and noise in the Head by Dr. NICHOLSON'S Artificial Ear Drums sent £100 to his Institute so that Deaf Persons who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to—C. G. BRIGHT, Secretary, 54, Bow Lane London, E.C.

SWEET LIQUEURS.

JUST received a CONSIGNMENT of varieties of SWEET LIQUEURS in large and small bottles of WELL-KNOWN BRANDS.

Benedictine, Cherry Cardal, Chateau, Cherry Brandy, Curacao, Blackberry Brandy, Crema De Cacao, Peppermint Liqueur, Maraschino, Absinthe, &c., &c.
ALL OFFERED AT VERY MODERATE PRICES.H. RUTTONJEE,
13, D'Agall Street, Hongkong,
20 & 21, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1898. [212]A FORTUNE TO BE MADE.
WANTED at once, in every locality, an intelligent person to act as our Agent. No special knowledge required, and without interfering with present occupation. An excellent opportunity for a capable young man or lady.—Address, Morse Manufacturing Company, 3, Red Lion Court, London, E.C.CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS
USED FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,
LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & Co.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [19]

To be Let.

TWO ROOMS on 2ND FLOOR No. 8, Queen's Road Central, Suitable for OFFICE, Rent Moderate.
Apply to
Mr. SUI SANG,
On the premises.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1898. [247]

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—
BAHAR LODGE—at the PEAK.
HOUSES in RIFON TERRACE,
No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
FLOORS in STANTON and ELGIN
STREETS.
1st FLOOR, No. 1, BLUE BUILDINGS.
GODOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
GODOWNS, PRAYA CENTRAL.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY CO., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1898. [12]

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ROOMS on GROUND FLOOR of College Chambers, suitable for Offices.
RENT MODERATE.
Messrs. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [189]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship"HAILOONG,"
Captain Robison, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIRRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [273]AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURACHI, ADEN, MASSANA, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT, ADRIATIC, and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS)
THE Company's Steamship"AMPHITRITE,"
Captain G. Costello, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, A.M.
Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [248]FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship"ARRATOON APCAR,"
Captain K. H. Sundber, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [264]"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship"GLENESK,"
Captain T. Darke, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [270]"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship"LENNOX,"
Captain Williamson, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1898. [262]FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship"LYDERHORN,"
Captain Hammerus, will be despatched as above on or about the 25th instant.
To be followed by the
S.S. "ORWELL" on or about the 28th February.
For Freight &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1898. [113]MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship"GHAEZE,"
Captain Bailey, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th February.
S.S. "PATHAN" about 20th March.
S.S. "LENNOX" 10th April.
S.S. "ENERGIA" 30th April.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1898. [63]OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship"NESTOR,"
Captain Aquila, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 1st March.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1898. [267]EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)
THE Steamship"AIRLIE,"
Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 5th March, at Daylight.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [271]NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.
THE Company's Steamship"CREFIELD,"
will be despatched as above on or about the 15th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [255]

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

By kind Permission of Captain the Hon. HEDWORTH LAMBTON, THE DRAMATIC COMPANY

H. M. S. "POWERFUL"
Will give a Performance
On WEDNESDAY, 23rd February,
Commencing at 9.15 p.m.VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT
Concluding with the GRAND REALISTIC TABLEAU
SONS OF THE OCEAN.
The whole to conclude with the Laughable Farce
"BORROWED PLUMES."THE SPLENDID STRING BAND
Will play selections during the Performance.PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Reserved Seats \$2.00
Stalls \$1.00
Back Seats 50
Soldiers and Sailors half-price except to the Back Seats.
Seats may be Booked at the Robinson's Piano Co.'s Saloon,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [257]

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY:
VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.Victoria 3,167 J. Truebridge Feb. 22.
Olympia 1,691 T. H. Dobson Mar. 8.
Columbia 2,505 A. Gow April 5.
Tacoma 2,549 A. Dixon April 26.
* Calling at AMOY—Not Calling at SHANGHAI.ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.Braemar 3,601 E. Porter Mar. 15.
Mogul 3,654 W. H. Wright Mar. 29.
Argyll 2,507 W. Ward May 3.THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDNESS carried.HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.HONGKONG TO TACOMA £38.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [14]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Sachsen Tuesday 1st March.
Bayern Wednesday 30th March.
Prins Hetherich Wednesday 27th April.
Frisland Wednesday 20th May.
Sachsen Wednesday 22nd June.
Bayern Wednesday 20th July.
Prins Hetherich Wednesday 17th Aug.
Frisland Wednesday 12th Oct.
Sachsen Wednesday 9th Nov.
Bayern Wednesday 7th Dec.
Prins Hetherich Wednesday 4th Jan. '99.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1898, at 9 A.M. the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Supper, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

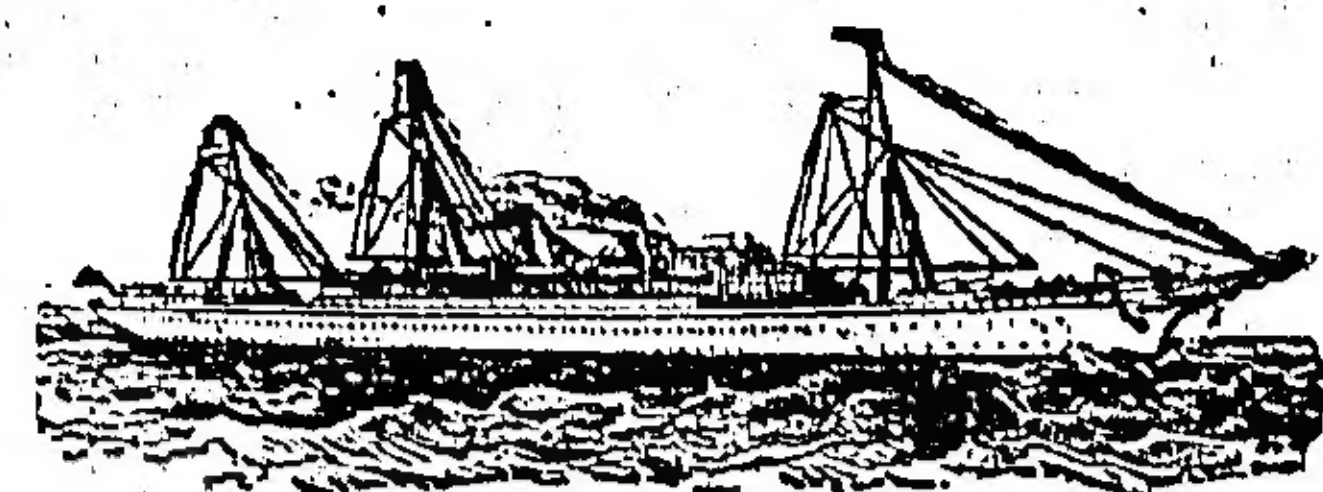
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 26th instant. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 23rd instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than £2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Liscen can be washed on board.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1898. [201]

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1898.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY,

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.
For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Fidder's Street.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [13]

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Belge (via Amoy, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.

Celtic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 12th March, at Noon.

Gaulle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 31st March, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"BELGIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further Information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [2]F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
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COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS
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PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
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P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.
EVERY KIND OF
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ALWAYS IN STOCK.
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [159]U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Papa (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Thursday, 3rd March, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 22nd March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 9th April, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"FERU"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1898. [1]CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
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CHARTS and BOOKS.Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches, awarded the highest Prize at every Exhibition, and for Valguier and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.
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